Systems FAC Conference Call
15 July 2004

1.   We reviewed the minutes of last weeks meeting. Brainstorming on topics for Bentley Power Hours provided the following topics: Visual Basic Programming, Reference Files in V8, Design Model vs. Sheet Model, Workspaces, Working Units, Libraries (both dgnlibs and cell libraries). There was also a discussion on the reporting requirements listed on the (still?) draft AEC Standards compliance being put out by Headquarters.

2.   Steve Hutsell mentioned that the AEC CADD Standard relies heavily on the Uniform Drawing Standards (UDS) and it would be a good idea to get a copy of the UDS. Version 3 is now available. www.nationalcadstandard.org

3.   A discussion took place regarding the recent rumors that Don Basham (?) of HQ is thinking of changing the standard CADD package for Military Works to AutoCAD (and continuing with Microstation for Civil Works). Most on the call agreed that this would be a bad idea for 2 main reasons. First the loss of millions of dollars in legacy/historical data and second, AutoDesk's apparent lack of interest in retaining file compatibility with their older file formats.

4.   The next meeting will take place at the GeoSpatial Symposium in San Antonio on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 5:00 pm. The room is still to be determined.